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## Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage What You REALLY Need to Know

### What WILL Happen

- ★ Because you have Medicaid, you **automatically** qualify for extra help with your prescription drug costs. You don't need to apply for this help.
- ★ Your prescription drug coverage will come from Medicare starting January 1, 2006.
- ★ Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage will cover name brand and generic drugs.
- ★ You will get a list of plans and their costs available in Louisiana mailed to you in the **Medicare & You Handbook** in October.
- ★ Medicare will automatically enroll you in a plan to make sure you have prescription coverage on January 1, 2006.
- ★ You will get to change plans beginning in November, 2005.

### What You SHOULD Do

- ★ You should compare Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and choose one that meets YOUR needs by December 31, 2005.
- ★ Look for more information from us about this in October, 2005. At that time, we will give you information you can use to help you choose a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan that meets your needs.
- ★ Call *Marsha Smith* at 225-922-3137 or call us toll free at 1-888-544-7996 if you have questions or need more information about this letter.